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1. WE WOULD LIKE TO DRAW MOD'S ATTENTION TO AN APPARENTLY REGULAR INTERVISION (IVN) TELEVISION FEED WE BEGAN OBSERVING 21 OCTOBER ON THE 14.0W GORIZONT AT 3825 MHZ. THIS FEED, WHICH BEGINS TRANSMISSION AT 1415 GMT, IS A PACKAGE OF INDIVIDUAL FEEDS SENT BY VARIOUS COMMUNIST BLOC COUNTRIES. FOR EXAMPLE, THE 23 OCTOBER FEED CONSISTED OF INDIVIDUAL FEEDS FROM THE SOVIET UNION, GDR, POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY, BULGARIA, AND ROMANIA. THE 21 OCTOBER FEED INCLUDED AN ICRT FEED FROM CUBA (SECOND REF). THIS INTERVISION FEED LASTS APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES, BUT THE 23 OCTOBER FEED RAN ALMOST 45 MINUTES.

2. EACH INDIVIDUAL FEED IN THE PACKAGE IS PRECEDED BY A LOGO. FOR EXAMPLE, THE SOVIET FEED IS PRECEDED BY A MENU OF THE UPCOMING SOVIET CLIPS HEADLINED BY THE WORDS "TSS MOSKVA DLYA IVN." THE GDR FEED IS PRECEDED BY THE WORDS "DDR-F FUR IVN," AND THE POLISH FEED IS PRECEDED BY THE LOGO OF "TVP, TELEWIZJA POLSKA."

3. WE FIND THE MATERIAL TO BE OF POSSIBLE HEADQUARTERS INTEREST, ALTHOUGH YOU ARE PROBABLY IN A BETTER POSITION TO JUDGE. THE CLIPS SHOWN DURING THE FEEDS RANGE FROM SPORTS TO CURRENT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES AND CONSTITUTE SORT OF A HIGHLIGHTS FILM FROM THE COMMUNIST BLOC. USIA BOOKLET ON IVN THAT WE HAVE ON HAND INDICATES THAT IVN VERSIONS OF SOVIET AND OTHER MATERIAL ARE OFTEN FULLER THAN THOSE VERSIONS EVENTUALLY SHOWN TO THE DOMESTIC AUDIENCE.

4. WE ARE STUMPED ON A SOURCELINE, HOWEVER. WE HAVE NO

EVIDENCE ON THE ORIGINS OF THE PACKAGED FEED FROM THE FEED ITSELF. THE USIA BOOKLET NOTES THAT THE ORGANIZATION THAT OPERATES INTERVISION, THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION (OIRT), IS HEADQUARTERED IN PRAGUE, BUT THERE IS NO CLEAR INDICATION OF WHERE THE INTERVISION FEED ACTUALLY ORIGINATES. WE HAVE BEEN USING THE GENERIC "MOSCOW TELEVISION FEED" SOURCELINE FOR OUR VSL'S AND NOTING THE INTERVISION CONNECTION IN SUBSLUGS, BUT WITHOUT GREAT CONFIDENCE. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION/GUIDANCE YOU COULD PROVIDE FROM YOUR END.

5. ALTHOUGH BUREAU FIRST REPORTED ON INTERVISION IN DECEMBER 1984, THOUGHT OUR NEW OBSERVATIONS MERITED SPECIAL NOTE. AGAIN, WE MAY BE TELLING YOU OLD NEWS, BUT THOUGHT IT BETTER TO ERR ON SIDE OF EXCESS RATHER THAN ASSUME SOMETHING WE SHOULDN'T. 24/1535Z OCT

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